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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

The Best to Rev. Charles E. F. Howe

Success to a faithful Endeavorer!

Our very best wishes go to Rev. Charles E. F. Howe as he leaves the International Society staff to become pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Carbondale, Illinois, December 1.

Dr. Gene Stone

Mr. Howe, familiarly known as "Charlie" to a host of youth and leaders of youth, has served at the Columbus Headquarters for five and a half years He has been associate general secretary and treasurer and has given leadership to the re-established Christian Citizenship Department.

Hundreds of Christian Endeavorers join in expressing appreciation for Mr. Howe's services and in wishing for him, his wife, Lorraine, and their two sons, much happiness in their new field.

Travancore

Travancore is on the map. It's located in India. Few have heard of it. However, that name will become better known and will undoubtedly become significant in modern church history. The Third World Conference of Christian Youth meets there December 11-25. Big plans for youth are anticipated.

Christian Endeavor will be represented. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, general secretary of the World's C. E. Union in charge of Area No. 1, is headed for India and will be a fraternal delegate at the conference to be attended by over 300.

On the way Dr. Bryan expects to visit Endeavor leaders in England, Italy and the Near East. Following the sessions he plans to meet with Christian Endeavorers in the Philippines, Japan and Hawaii.

Besides Dr. Bryan two other members of the Board of Trustees of the International Society will be at Travancore. They are Dr. J. Allan Ranck, youth director of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Marjorie Stiggers, a delegate from the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

"I Promise . . ."

The Christian Endeavor Pledge is up for discussion. The senior-young people's topics for the first three weeks of 1953 are based on The Pledge. These meetings should prove stimulating to all societies.

If your group does not have a wall pledge why not write to International Society for one? Also make sure you have a good supply of pledge cards.

Biblical Ignorance

It's hard to believe how ignorant some people are when it comes to the Bible.

Recently I watched a television program where money was being given away. A man and a woman, who had done fairly well in answering questions, came to the time when they had the possibility of winning several thousand dollars. The quizmaster ask them to name as many books of the Old Testament as they could in a given time. And believe it or not, they could not name even one. I'll guarantee they had not been Christian Endeavorers in their youth.

Executive Committee

The Publication Building of the United Presbyterian Church of North America was the scene of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the International Society, October 24 and 25.

The Committee issued a call for a special meeting of the Corporation of the International Society for the purpose of changing the fiscal year which is now from April 1 to March 31 to be from January 1 to December 31. This session will be at Hotel Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, December 6, 4 P.M.

With the resignation of Rev. Charles E. F. Howe as treasurer effective November 30 the Executive Committee elected Harold E. Westerhoff to that position.

A Merry Christmas

All of us at Columbus Headquarters wish for Christian Endeavorers everywhere a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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C.E. WEEK PACKET

You'll find many excellent ideas and plans for celebrating Christian Endeavor Week in the new packet issued by International Society. These may be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, at 50c each.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

COVER

Leaders who planned for the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Convention which broke a 24 year record for registrations are shown at work. They are: seated (left to right) — Alma Schmid, county secretary; Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, general chairman; and James R. Westerhoff, host chairman. Standing are (left to right) — Joseph H. Critchley, vice-chairman in charge of registrations, and Gladys Schatz, county press chairman.

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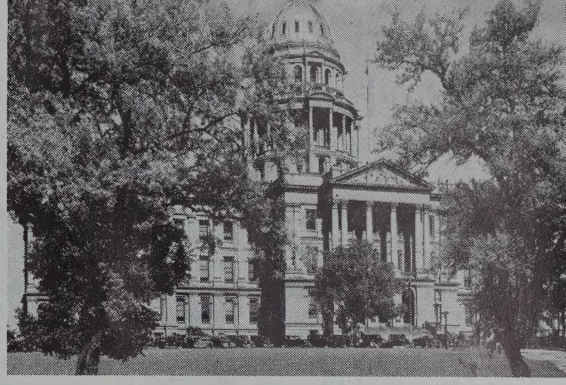
On To Denver!

Preparations Are Well Underway for Great Christian Endeavor Convention In Colorado's Capital City June 22-27



Colorado State Capitol, Denver

It's "On to Denver"!

Around the United States and Canada ıthusiasm is running high in prepara- ɔn for the 42nd International Christian ndeavor convention which will be held Colorado's capital city June 22-27.

Most of the state and provincial unions ıve already selected chairmen for the ɔnvention and are securing registrations ıd planning trips to the great youth ıthering.

Under the leadership of William Earl ſartin the committee in Denver is ɔeedily working out details for enter- ining several thousand youth. The reg- ɪration campaign in the Denver area is ıderway.

ɑn Registration Contest

Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative cretary of the International Society, has ınounced that the registration contest r states and provinces will start Jan- ry 1, ending May 31. International reg- rations will be $3.00 until May 31, ter which the fee will be $4.00.

An outstanding array of speakers and nference leaders is being arranged by e Program Committee under the lead- ship of Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of ıambersburg, Pennsylvania. Included in e evening features will be a banquet d a musical night. Conference sessions ll be held in the mornings and in the ternoon there will be many sight-seeing urs in Denver and the surrounding area.

ɔld Fellowship Tour

A tour has been arranged through the avel Department of the International ciety in connection with the conven- ɔn. This will be under the personal di- ction of J. Allen Tucker, vice-president International Society in charge of the liddle Atlantic Region. The tour party will leave New York City Friday, June 19, and will visit many places en route. Following the meetings in Denver the group will go to Sun Valley and Yellowstone Park, returning to the east by way of Chicago. Detailed information may be secured from J. Allen Tucker, Tour Director, 1820 East Schiller Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania, or Harold E. Westerhoff, Manager, Travel Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Working with Mr. William Earl Martin on the general planning committee at Denver is W. Bruce McLaren as co-chairman and Dr. William C. Smolenske as co-chairman and consultant. Margaret Wood is executive secretary with Dr. J. Wilson Byers and Aksel Nielsen as consultants. Rev. Carl Bower, pastor of West Side Church, Denver, is chaplain. Vice-chairmen giving supervision to various subcommittees are Ralph E. May, Hazel Curtis, Howard Palm, Rev. Kelly O'Neal, and Otis Sherrill.

Denver, Colorado

June 22-27, 1953

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I desire information on the International Society Tour ☐

International Society of Christian Endeavor
1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio

Church Conference To Launch Christian Endeavor Campaign

A "Forward With Christ" campaign will be launched January 1 by the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Congregational Church.

The motto of the crusade, which will continue through April 5, is "Build Keystone League of Christian Endeavor in 1953." The theme verse is I Corinthians 3:9a.

Rev. James K. Rapp of Allentown, Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee, stated that the crusade is to be an all-out effort to help youth work in the denomination. A Christian Endeavor society in every church with every member an active member is included in the objectives. Other objectives are winning youth to Christ through the evangelistic program of the local church, reclaiming delinquents, nurturing and developing leadership, relating youth to the work and worship of the local church, and recruiting new members, especially through the medium of the Sunday School.

The accomplishment of these objectives is to be brought about through the efforts of the special committee in promotion, distribution of literature, and the publishing of a special article on Christian Endeavor work each week in *The United Evangelical*, the denominational journal.

A special committee on organizing new societies is headed by Rev. C. H. Barner, Friedensburg, Pennsylvania. Others on the crusade committee headed by Mr. Rapp are Rev. K. R. Maurer, Rev. E. D. Ehrig, Rev. C. W. Barner, Mrs. Jay Lesher, and Mrs. O. C. Dorney.

North Carolina Youth Present TV Series

Telecasts were made by the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union over Station WMFY-TV in Greensboro November 17-23.

Youth leaders who presented a devotional message each weekday morning from 9:50 to 10 o'clock included: Margie Gillie, "Open Confession of Christ"; Rayborn Hinshaw, "Service for Christ"; Mrs. Nina Watts, "Loyalty to Christ's Church"; Mrs. Betty Edwards, "Fellowship with Christ's People"; and Bill Davis, "Living for Jesus." On the TV Chapel program at 2:15 P.M. Sunday, Rev. Dallas Rush brought the message, with music furnished by Gracie Duncan and the Christian Endeavor Quartet.

RECIPE FOR DEATH

"Take Two Drinks and Drive!" This is the recipe for death given in PEOPLE of November 7, 1951 — Take two drinks and drive. Last year, 1951, thousands of people did just that. ONE out of FIVE drivers or pedestrians in fatal accidents in 1951 had been drinking. ONE out of FIVE adult pedestrians killed in 1951 had been drinking.

Have you secured your Christian Endeavor Week Packet?

LEAVES C. E. STAFF

Rev. Charles E. F. Howe

Who has served at headquarters of the International Society of Christian Endeavor in Columbus for over five and a half years, has resigned to become the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Carbondale, Illinois, December 1.

Mr. Howe has been associate general secretary and treasurer of the International Society and has directed the Christian Citizenship Crusade. He is treasurer of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Before coming to International Mr. Howe was active in the Michigan Union.

In the roles of speaker, conference leader and executive Mr. Howe has become widely known. Many of his friends will honor him at a reception to be given December 5 in Columbus, Ohio, at the meeting of the Program Council and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference.

January 25-February 1

C. E. Week Manual Written by Dr. Minte

Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, Execu Secretary of the New Jersey Chris Endeavor Union, has prepared the m ual for Christian Endeavor Week wh will be observed January 25-Februar

This manual is included in a pa which has many ideas for the celebra of Christian Endeavor Week, with p grams for special services, banquets, p licity material, and plans for vari projects.

The packet may be secured thro state and provincial Christian Endea offices or from the International Soc of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Br Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, at 50c.

Many states are participating in outdoor poster program and it is exp ed that a record number of poster pa will be displayed on the highways city streets across the country in c nection with the celebration of the 7 birthday of Christian Endeavor. T program is made possible through cooperation of many individual outd poster advertising companies who members of the Outdoor Advertising sociation of America, Inc.

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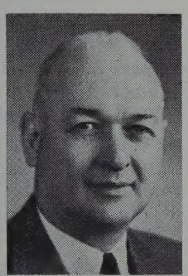
Call Issued For World Convention

"One World Through Christ" to be Theme of Gathering in Washington, D. C., July 24-28, 1954

The Call has been issued for the 12th nvention of the World's Christian En- avor Union which will be held in Wash- gton, D. C., July 24-28, 1954.

Announcement of the gathering for hristian Endeavor aders from all cor- rs of the world s been made by r. Daniel A. Pol- g, president of the orld's Christian ndeavor Union.



Merritt L. Smith

"One World hrough Christ" s been selected as e theme for the ssions when it is pected that some 0 delegates from outside of North merica will come to discuss extension Christian Endeavor work.

Merritt L. Smith of Washington, D. C., member of the Executive Committee of ternational Society of Christian En- avor, is the chairman of the local com- ttee on arrangements. Mr. Smith has en active in Christian Endeavor work the District of Columbia and in Inter- tional Society for many years. He is sistant secretary of the Automobile As- ciation of America at its national head- arters in Washington.

According to Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, ere will be conference sessions in the rnings and mass meetings at night. ans are being made for sight-seeing ps for the afternoons.

Many of the activities are expected to held on the campus and the buildings the American University in Washing- n. Registration for delegates will be .00.

The 11th convention of the World's hristian Endeavor Union was held in ndon, England, in July of 1950 when ore than 1500 Endeavorers from 23 dif- ferent countries were present. The last convention conducted in the United States was in New York City in 1921.

It has been the pattern of the World's Union to meet in convention every four years. This program was broken by the war. Until the meeting in London there had not been a gathering since 1938 when Melbourne, Australia, was the convention city. At the London sessions it was agreed to have a conference of leaders in the two areas of the World's Union in 1952. Area No. 1 conducted meetings in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 26-30 and Area No. 2 in Rome, Italy, October 7-14. One of the outcomes of these sessions was the launching of the World Friendship Crusade.

Friendship Pals

Friendship pals and exchange meetings are good projects to carry forward in the World Friendship Crusade which was launched recently.

If you desire to correspond with young people in other countries write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, for names and addresses.

British Isles

Young people in the British Isles are anxious to have Pen Friends in the United States and Canada, Robert W. Woodham reports. Write to him at 15 Donnington Road, Reading, Berkshire, England, giving your approximate age, and special interests, and he will try to find someone with similar hobbies to write you.

West Australia

Societies, too, can make friendships across the seas. An exchange meeting is an excellent way to accomplish this. H. Harberry, 12A Anthony Street, South Perth, West Australia, indicates his group would like an exchange meeting.

TWELFTH CONVENTION

World's Christian Endeavor Union

OFFICIAL CALL

To Christian Endeavorers in Every Land

Greetings:

IN THE NAME OF THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS OF NORTH AMERICA, we, the officers of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and cooperating state and provincial unions of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, with cooperating National Christian Endeavor Unions, invite the Christian Endeavorers from all lands to attend the Twelfth World's Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held in Washington, D. C., United States of America, July 24-28, 1954.

*** We would convene in the spirit of Him who said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." We would make vital in the life of Christian Endeavor in all the world, and in its world organization, the leadership of Christ in personal living, in evangelism, in Christian education, in Christian citizenship and in Christian brotherhood.**

*** The world sorely needs the message of this convention and its application to all of man's necessities. We are challenged to lead people to Christ and His way of life.**

*** The convention theme will be "One World Through Christ."**

*** The convention program will include all phases of Christian Endeavor testimony, organization and service.**

*** The International Society officers and Endeavorers cordially invite us in the name of our common Lord, and they open to us their hearts and homes.**

*** Further particulars may be had from the General Secretaries, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, U.S.A. and Rev. Andrew Wright, 31 Lampton Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, England.**

*** Finally, we call upon Endeavorers everywhere and their friends of all lands, all tongues, all races, and all evangelical churches to unite with us in prayer for the success of this world gathering.**

DANIEL A. POLING
President

ANDREW WRIGHT
General Secretary (Eastern Area)

MERRITT L. SMITH
Convention Chairman

ERNEST R. BRYAN
General Secretary (Western Area)

A Christmas Message

by LaVerne H. Boss*

As Mount Everest in the Himalaya Mountains towers higher than all surrounding heights, so Christmas lifts itself above all other calendar days. Christmas makes its impact on every other day and sheds its light over all the year.

Young and old are impressed by the full meaning of this day. It was on this notable day, nearly 2000 years ago, that the Saviour of mankind was born into this world. The greatness of the birth of Christ was shown in that the Wise Men of the East came from afar to seek the Christ Child.

It must have been a soul satisfying experience for them to find the Child, the object of their desired worship. They counted not the toil nor the danger in making the trip, but with singleness of purpose they made their way to the hill country of Palestine. How many are there today who will project themselves to find Christ?

Is it not true that Christ must verily be forced upon many men before they will receive Him and His message? The Wise Men received no clear revelation as had the shepherds to whom the angels had appeared with the heavenly announcement. Their success in this search was through a star. It is true that the star was an extraordinary star, but it took real faith to follow the light they had.

God has given us a much brighter light in His Word by which we may find this same Christ. We may find Him in God's holy and inspired Word — the Bible.

If we honestly seek Christ we will find Him and in finding Him as our personal Saviour we will some day be with Him for all eternity. Isn't it a grand and glorious feeling to think He gave up heaven to come to earth because of His love for us? Think of the sacrifice He made and then look at your own life — have you followed in the path of His choosing; have you sacrificed for this Christ and His Church? Come! Let each one of us renew our faith in Him during this Advent season.

**LaVerne Boss is associate president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.*

Plan Membership Mobilization

It's time to mobilize again!

Christian Endeavor leaders are mustering forces for the annual roll call.

Under the leadership of Harold E. Westerhoff, Mobilization Director, state and provincial union directors have been appointed and preparations are being made for the Membership Mobilization of International Society of Christian Endeavor during January and February.

This Mobilization will help Christian Endeavor's efforts in evangelism, world friendship, Christian citizenship, and in the general strengthening of the work not only in North America, but throughout the world.

In the Mobilization effort Endeavorers and friends of young people will be asked to become an annual member of the International Society giving a contribution of $10.00, or a sustaining member with a gift of $25.00, or a life member with $200.00.

Discuss C.E. Business . . .

The Executive Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor met in the Publication Building of the United Presbyterian Church of North America in Pittsburgh, Pa., October 24 and 25. Leaders pictured are: Seated (left to right) — B. McClain Cochran, Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, Norman Klauder, and Dr. Gene Stone. Standing (left to right) — Allan J. Blair, Harold E. Westerhoff, Eugene G. Alhart, Julian Moran, Merritt L. Smith, Carroll M. Wright, and Rev. Earle W. Gates.

General Secretary

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An International Typewriter

Rev. Andrew Wright, secretary of Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland, and general secretary for Area No. 2 of the World's C. E. Union, had this comment in a letter from Rome to Columbus Headquarters:

"I had better apologize in advance any errors in typing. I am using Italian machine, with a French keyboard and it has some difficulty in spelling English, however, you can translate into American. Even the machine is international."

Those Columbus Meetings

Columbus, Ohio, "The Christian Endeavor Capital," will be a busy and exciting place when youth leaders from over the United States and Canada gather for annual meetings December 4-8.

The Educational Committee of International will convene December 4 under the chairmanship of B. McClain Cochran.

The Program Council will meet December 5 and 6 concurrently with Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference which will continue meeting December 7 and 8. Rev. Elwood Dunn, chairman of the Council while Julian Moran is president of the Conference.

SOMERSET WINS CHALLENGE

Somerset County (New Jersey) Union officers enjoyed a turkey dinner November 8 at the Clifton Reformed Church provided by the Passaic County Union. Last January Passaic County challenged Somerset County to meet a quota of 1,000 registrations for the 1952 State Convention held October 9-11 at Paterson, New Jersey. Dr. Samuel Haas, New Jersey president, gave a short address to the victorious Somerset County Endeavorers. Claire Pfeiffer directed the fun and fellowship.

Aid Evangelistic Campaign

The three Christian Endeavor Unions of Grand Rapids, Michigan, cooperated in a Youth Night, November 8, as part of a "Crusade for Christ" campaign with Dr. Harold Ockenga of Boston as evangelist.

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"A Letter To My Congressman"

Many Enter Citizenship Contest

Many youth have already sent in Notification of Participation in the second Christian Citizenship Award contest of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Awards totaling $1,000.00 in cash and trip to the International convention at Denver June 22-27 are being offered.

Any youth from 15 through 19 years of age may enter. Awards will be given on the basis of a thousand word "A Letter to My Congressman" or for Canadian youth, "A Letter to My M. P." on the subject "I Speak for Christian Citizenship" and a Christian Citizenship Service Record of the individual.

In order to be eligible to compete youth must send a notification that they desire to enter to the Director of Christian Citizenship, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, no later than February 2, 1953. Upon notification official entry blanks will be sent.

All manuscripts and service records must be in the hands of the judges in the state or province by March 1. Winners will be decided in each state or province and then regional winners will be selected. These regional winners will be in the finals when the top-ranking youth will receive an award of $250.00 in cash and an all-expense trip to the convention in Denver. Second prize will be $150.00 with the third award being $75.00. Each of the next six runners-up will receive a cash award of $50.00.

The runners-up in each of the nine regions will receive a cash award of $25.00.

In writing the letter it has been suggested that this should present the author's personal study of the opportunity and responsibility a young person has in his own community for Christian citizenship in combatting the forces of Communism, the liquor traffic, narcotics, gambling, and prejudice. Emphasis also should be placed on Christian citizenship in the home, in recreation, and in civic responsibility.

Leaflets with further details on the contest may be secured through state or provincial Christian Endeavor offices or from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Great Lakes Leaders Conduct Conference

More than 150 leaders attended the conference of the Great Lakes Region of the International Society in Gary, Indiana, November 1 and 2.

Delpha Oleson of Spring Green, Wisconsin, was program chairman with Julian Moran of Leroy, Indiana, vice-president of International Society of Christian Endeavor in charge of the Great Lakes region, presiding.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan of Washington, D. C., president of International Christian Endeavor, spoke at the Saturday banquet. Other speakers and conference leaders included Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Alvin Brightbill, Chicago, Illinois; Rev. Elwood Dunn, Detroit, Michigan; Dr. Gene Stone, Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. Harold Westerhoff, Columbus, Ohio.

Student Drinking Alarming Utah Survey Shows

Among 1,177 students in Grade 10 and 12 in five high schools of Utah, 20% of the girls and 44% of the boys reported in a recent survey that they sometimes drink alcoholic beverages.

At least 32% of the girls and 59% of the boys who drank had at some time indulged in drinking under circumstances presumably unapproved by parents.

The majority of students checked social motivations for drinking. A total of 17% thought drinking might aid in forgetting troubles and 7% thought it might have physical benefits. More preferences were checked for beer than for whisky or wine. The mean age at first drinking for both boys and girls was 14.5 years, but a substantial number reported having been introduced to alcoholic beverages at or before 12.

FUNDS FOR LEPER WORK

Julian Moran, a regional vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, presents a check for $110 to Dr. Ernest R. Bryan (left) for the Christian Endeavor Society at the Leper Colony of Kalaupapa on the Island of Molokai of the Hawaiian Islands. This presentation was made at the Great Lakes Regional Conference at Gary, Indiana, when the delegates gave the Sunday morning offering for the leper group. Dr. Bryan visited Kalaupapa in August.

Serves As Nurse in Arabia

Margaret Schuppe, an Endeavorer from Wisconsin, is now serving as a missionary nurse in the Bahrain Mission Hospital, Bahrain, Persian Gulf (Arabia). Miss Schuppe was formerly president of her Christian Endeavor society at Grace Reformed Church, Fond du Lac, and was an officer in the Fond du Lac district union.

Rev. Earle W. Gates Heads Nominating Committee

Rev. Earle W. Gates of Derby, New York, has been appointed chairman of the Nominating Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

This committee will make its report at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees and Corporation of the Society to be held in Denver, Colorado, June 23 and 24.

Mr. Gates has reported that the committee plans to meet in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 5. He advises that individuals having suggestions for officers may send them to him or any of the members of his committee.

Besides the chairman those on the Nominating Committee are Rev. A. Jerry Moore, Carroll M. Wright, Norman Klauder, Richard Pruiksma, Viroqua Nodolf, Rev. Elwood Dunn, Julian Moran, Merritt L. Smith, and the Rev. J. Wesley Siebert.

Plan a great celebration for Christian Endeavor Week, January 25-February 1.

Meet This Challenge In 1953!

By BERT H. DAVIS

JUST a few hours ago I was thrilled by the new kind of movies called cinerama. For the present, only a single auditorium, in New York City, is furnished with the huge semi-circular screen, three projection booths and six speakers which make possible cinerama's realism in both picture and sound.

Many of us supposed that movies were in full retreat as Americans turned to TV by the millions. But the projection of pictures with sterephonic sound on a screen five or six times as large as the conventional ones illustrates a familiar twentieth-century occurrence. So often that which seems to be crowded out by a new product or service succeeds in meeting the challenge by a process of improvement or modernization.

We are seeing this in fabrics. Cotton and wool and silk have been challenged by fabrics in chemical plants — and these synthetics have been waging fierce battles among themselves. But it seems that cotton-wool weaves will soon be with us, and the threading of metallic materials into the older fabrics may help cotton and wool to return to new triumphs.

"Comeback" Opportunities

We need to be aware of the "comeback" opportunity in the religious life of Young Adults. It was all too easy, a few years ago, to guess that older young people were going to be pulled away from church-related activities by the many other competing interests: home entertainment, including radio and later television; many forms of interest clubs; veterans' organizations; summer camps; motoring and aviation — yes, and taverns too.

While churches were watching and dreading the competitive trends, such a movement or brotherhood as the Boy Scouts — always close to church interests throughout its long history — awoke to similar dangers and moved out effectively.

You've seen the Scouts grow from a program which held a boy's interest for perhaps three years to one which holds his loyalty in a host of instances from the age of 8 to his eighteenth year. Cub Scouts were presently being enrolled by the hundreds of thousands, to introduce the 8-year-old to Scouting in a home-related type of program. From Cubbing, a boy passes into the conventional Scouting program — but at 14 he is ready for the more advanced Explorer Scout activities, in which the adult Cubmaster and Scoutmaster of the preparatory years are supplanted by a Counselor.

Wisely the older boys' program is very much of the cafeteria type. You will find Air Scouts and Sea Scouts and the Explorers who take their advanced Scouting in mountain-climbing, conservation work, and other forms of outdoor life "on land." The Ships and Squadrons and Posts of older Scouts are largely self-governing, and youth leaders set up their own month-by-month program — much as Senior-Young People Christian Endeavor societies long ago learned to do. In this comparatively new and constantly improving department of Explorer Scouting, 400,000 older boys who would have quit the organization at the age of 14 are now an active part of the Scout movement.

Why "Youthful Grown-Ups"?

In Young Adult units, we would enlist a greatly enlarged number of Christian Endeavorers and other young people as they turn to more mature interests than those characteristic of the under-25 youth.

This page has been and will be devoted to explaining what Young Adults can do and how they can do it.

But let's look for a moment at the *why* of it. *Why* maintain a fellowship in the church for young men and young women who have come up through the children's and youth programs and might be described now as "youthful grown-ups?"

Young Adult Workshop

I would answer: because of the challenge of the outside-the-church programs and activities, good, bad, and indifferent, which can scatter and waste in this period of life much that we gain as young people in society and fellowship and church school class.

I would answer further: because the training and experience offered to young people within the church should be kept at work in the church — and a most natural and direct way to do this is through organizing as a group for worship, fellowship, and service on lines suited to the talents and abilities of the Young Adult ages.

I would refer you to page 8 of our August-September number for more information on *who are* Young Adults and what, in general, is their field of activities. "Doing things together for the Church of Christ" might be cited as the reason for and spirit of Young Adult units.

Start That Young Adult Unit

The first Sunday or two of the new year, 1953, would be an excellent time in which to launch your Young Adult unit.

We have heard of some organizations for Young Adults which have been formed on very much of the let's-try-it-out idea. You could set up a temporary leadership, holding office for three months at a time or less.

An Indiana Presbyterian church group began like this (to quote **Young Adult Times**, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.):

"The first step was an informal meeting of four key couples with our religious education director.

"Two weeks later, each of these cou invited another, making eight couples, the discussion continued. Then the group enlarged to sixteen couples.

"A survey of the congregation resulte a calling-list of those persons falling wi the age limits set: combined age of husb and wife not to exceed seventy-nine. name of the organization resulted — 'The enty-niners Club.'

"About this time cryptic posters hai the advent of a new group appeared in church bulletin. A telephone committee vited each eligible couple to the organiza meeting.

"A large number responded and the meeting was used in going over the aim outlined in the Geneva Fellowship prog handbook. Each person checked a copy the interest survey appearing in the h book, and on these findings the progr for the year were based.

"The general objectives for the year v to improve family and community life. I month a committee consisting of two cou acting as co-chairmen, assisted by three c couples, planned the meeting from invita to benediction.

"The real success of the organization been in the excellent leadership it has c forth and the willingness of members to ticipate. A baby-sitting service was initi among the teen-agers of the congrega to make it possible for both parents to tend our meetings."

Now, a few explanatory footnotes to story of Young Adult success: Y. A. u need not be confined to married couple but as we told you in the August-Septem WORLD, it seems advisable to main separate units for the married and the married Young Adults, because of mar differences in interests. There was a re ence in the quotation to a Presbyterian h book; most denominations have useful terial and as the demand grows the c lenge will be even better met! Note a w able partnership between the Indiana Yo Adult unit and the youth group. There and should be a lot of this, and Yo Adults will often serve as counselors the younger Christian Endeavor groups.

We started this page with an out-s movie screen and breath-taking realism new and perhaps unexpected competition TV. We end it with the declaration the older folks in the churches are eag awaiting challenges and examples from group often described as "hardest to h — the Young Adults. What good new will be in many a parish when word around that the young people's group is *rying over*, alertly and usefully, into Yo Adult unit activities! This can be done, it should be done.

If you have questions or suggestions a Young Adult units and their programs, sure to send them in.

ndeavorers On The Job

CONVENTION PLANNERS (above) — James R. Westerhoff, host county chairman, is shown giving information to the committee that planned the 66th annual convention of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union held in Paterson October 9-11. A total of 2,121 registrations were received for the convention, this being the largest number in 24 years. Those on the committee are: First row (left to right) — Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, general chairman; Berna Borneman, Merolyn Graham, T. J. Kivett, Jeanette Buwalda, Virginia Mackin, Mrs. J. A. Kroeze, Mrs. J. Schuster, Jean Iacobelli Monda. Back row (left to right) — Ray Brown, Joseph H. Dabagian, Jr., Bobbie Borneman; Richard Pruiksma, Barbara MacMillan, Joseph H. Critchley, Eleanor Puthe, Mrs. Harold Bell, Alma Schmidt, Allan J. Blair, Jeanette Steele, Ira Vanderzee, Mrs. Theodore Pruiksma, Jr., Alice Meenen, Patricia E. Moore, Mrs. Evelyn Finehout, Ruth Kassab, Gladys Schatz, and Dr. Samuel S. Haas, state president.

Photo by Paterson (N. J.) Evening News

FAMOUS LONDON CHOIR (lower right) — The singers of the Christian Endeavor Union of the world's largest city are greeted by the Mayor of Torquay, England, after a special recital. Edwin T. Shepherd, director, is at the left of the Mayor, who is wearing symbolic chain. The choir will give three evenings of Christmas Carols at the Westminster Central Hall, London, to thousands.

Photo by Herald Express

CONFERENCE FACULTY (lower left) — Speakers and leaders are shown at the annual sessions of the Schuylkill Christian Endeavor Branch of Philadelphia, Pa., held at Camp Milford, Upper Milford, Pa.

Photo by William D. McEachern

TRAIN FOR LEADERSHIP (above) — Charles O. Heyward, field secretary of the Maryland-Delaware-District of Columbia Area, is shown with class which studied the book, "What Christian Endeavor Believes" in sessions at Parkway Church of God, Frederick, Maryland. Pictured (left to right) are: Martha Haugh, Ralph Kemp, James Shafer, Joyce Phelps, Mrs. Warren P. E. Smith, Mrs. Leslie Masser, Mr. Heyward, Rev. F. P. Brose, pastor of host church; Mrs. Brose, Martha Woerner, Connie Schultz, Jeanette McKenzie, Janice Phelps, and Carl Krantz. Another member, Donald Masser, was absent when picture was taken.

Photo by Warren P. E. Smith

I Promise - To Be Faithful To Christ

First Topic in a Series on "I Promise"
Exodus 19:5; Psalm 103:17,18; Psalm 132:12

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Aim of the Topic

1. To know more about the Christian Endeavor pledge.
2. To learn the meaning of faithfulness.

Something Old, Something New

In the providence of God, we are privileged to start off the New Year with the most important thing in the Christian Endeavor movement—the Pledge. In one sense it is not new, for it was presented to the young people assembled at the very first meeting in 1881, and has blessed every generation since. In a real sense it will be new to many who read it for the first time. There are some Endeavorers today who are not familiar with the Christian Endeavor pledge, although it is the very foundation of our movement. Ironically (and tragically, however), the majority of critics of it today are those who are not acquainted with it, and the worst critics are the most ignorant of its message and its power. Faithfulness to Christ is one of the prime essentials of Christianity, and it is one of the basic principles of Christian Endeavor. When we pledge this allegiance, and prove it with Christ's own help, we have begun the solution to all of life's problems. We have begun to live!

If you would know what the Pledge can do for greater Christian living, have some older Endeavorers, or an alumnus, come each of the first three Sundays this month and tell what the Pledge has meant to them. This will be an excellent way to prepare for Christian Endeavor Week which occurs later in the month. May it be our aim to reach our Anniversary on February 2 with every member of our society or fellowship having signed the Membership Pledge, which is one of the unique and dynamic phases of our movement. If we would be truly faithful to Christ, let's begin at once a Campaign of "Every Member Sign the Pledge."

Following is the old "ironclad" Christian Endeavor Pledge, the oldest posession of our organization. Read it carefully together.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I PROMISE HIM THAT I WILL STRIVE TO DO WHATEVER HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ME DO; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible every day, and to support my own Church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and midweek services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Saviour; and that just so far as I know how, THROUGHOUT MY WHOLE LIFE, I WILL ENDEAVOR TO LEAD A CHRISTIAN LIFE.

"As an active member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the society, I will if possible send at least a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my name at the roll call."

The Meaning of the Promise

All promises are important. They are made to be kept. It has long been the proud boast of men of integrity that their "word is as good as their bond." This basic honesty is essential to enable any worthwhile culture to exist. One of the greatest lessons youth today can learn is that of trustworthiness, dependability, inner honesty. Let no promise be taken lightly, whether it be for business, or marriage, or merely for routine relationships. Certainly let no vow seem unimportant. The most vital promises one can make are to his God. When Christian young people sign the Membership Covenant, or bind themselves to it even by speaking it, they promise a faithfulness to Jesus Christ. To "do whatever He would like to have me do" is a pledge to a way of life. To fulfill this is to live a life that is both faithful and useful. Think again of how it will help every sincere man or woman to godliness. Our promise here means that we will earnestly strive to be true to Christ, and so to our own inner best, "trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength." Here then is at once our purpose and our power!

Daily Readings

M., Dec. 29. A High Goal. Phil. 4:
T., Dec. 30. Sincerity Needed. Eph. 6:
W., Dec. 31. Faithful in Trials. Mark 13:9
T., Jan. 1. Not Weary in Service. Gal. 6:7
F., Jan. 2. Faithfulness Rewarded. Matt. 25:14
S., Jan. 3. A Promise to the Faithful. Matt. 28:19
Sun., Jan. 4. Topic—I Promise To Be Faithful Christ. Ex. 19:5; Ps. 103:17,18; Ps. 132:12.

How Can I Be Faithful?

This is one of the soul-searching qu tions for the young person who since wishes to follow Christ. It is summed by the Pledge in the promise "through my whole life to lead a Christian life." T extends it into every area of experie and forever. It needs breaking down i personal experiences and temptations, h ever. Why not make a list of the w youth today find it difficult to be faithf Then apply Christ's teaching to each of ways. What does it mean to you to faithful to Him? Is Christ's help suffic to make it possible?

Include in your thinking the matter loyalty to one's church. How does this b toward faithfulness? Also think of the p of one's Quiet Hour, personal devoti Does this practice assist? And again, c sider the matter of stewardship. Unless are giving one tenth (our tithe) of our come to God and His Work, are we b really faithful? Remember the matter loving one another. What did Jesus this practice proved? Lastly, what ab the Christian's moral life and habits? C sider how they reflect our sincerity tow God.

The Promise Benefits Me Also

Our Heavenly Father never asks anyt of us without giving us a blessing greater than the request. When a man woman is faithful to his God, the resul life is one of satisfaction and peace. W a young person gives his best to be fait he has opened the great door to the a dant life. It is the greatest thing he do, even for himself. God is honored, fellow men are helped, and he himse blessed beyond description. It is one those things that must be sampled t appreciated.

In terms of the questions in the prece section, what benefit does one receive

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FOR FURTHER ACTION

1. Discuss tonight how to go about establishing the Christian Endeavor Pledge as the basis for membership and for eligibility for holding office.

2. Name the benefits of such a system.

3. Consider the problems involved. Are they as great as the blessings?

4. Buy a wall pledge (International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio), display it in meeting room, and read it frequently.

A SEED THOUGHT

"When thou vowest a vow ur God, defer not to pay it—." (E clesiastes 5:4. Read the rest of t verse; it's good.)

Explore New Frontiers

First Topic in a Series on "Standing for the Right"
Jeremiah 1:6-9,17; Matthew 28:16-20

Our Aims

1. To get facts about frontiers of our day.
2. To discover how we can face life in the light of changes.
3. To make this new year bring progress.

Worship Materials

HYMNS

"Another Year Is Dawning"
"For Thy Mercy and Thy Grace"
"Great God! We Sing Thy Mighty Hand"
"How Firm a Foundation"
"O Where Are Kings and Empires Now"
"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11
James 4:13-17
Philippians 4:8, 9
John 1:1-13
Matthew 6:24-33
1 Corinthians 10:31

RESPONSIVE READINGS

Psalms 8, 72, 103, 122

Introduction

There is a tremendous amount of change taking place at home and throughout the world. Everyone who is alert knows it. But not everyone is giving thought to what those changes will do to us. So today we face these changes.

A good Christian first considers the help he can get from his religion in trying to understand any matter. The Bible is a record of changes through which man has passed. It is also a record of how God, each step of the way, has been trying to lead man into better things. Each change has been an opportunity. And God has each time urged men to seize the opportunity to progress toward the great goals he has in store for us.

The "old order" is passing away in our day, too, and God is just as interested in us and our progress as he was in men in olden times; and his guiding hand will help us, just as it helped them, if we will let him. Let us pioneer with him.

New Frontiers

1. *The development of science.* Man's accomplishments in recent years in medicine and mechanics and all manner of things, has caused many people to forget God again. With everything connected with physical existence so nicely under control there is little or nothing that suggests to them that they have any need for God. How does the Christian reconcile God and science?

2. *The necessity to be neighborly.* Once "foreign" countries were distant, hazy places inhabited by strange people. A home country had few dealings with them and knew little about them. There were few "international" or "interracial" problems. The nations and the races kept to themselves. But in recent centuries that isolation has been disappearing. Marvelous strides in transportation and communication in the last few years have ended geographical isolation. The war has made the whole world a geographical neighborhood. *But not a friendly neighborhood.*

3. *Living in an atomic age.* (Space does not permit presenting facts on this. Get data in your schools and from your reading.) Well, what shall we do about it? Get worried and jittery? Become indifferent and heedless? Not at all. Remembering that the Christian naturally turns to his religion for help in facing any matter, we shall apply our Christian principles and walk boldly out to meet and conquer these new frontiers.

Daily Readings

M., Dec. 29. Investing Our Resources. Luke 19:12-26.
T., Dec. 30. Seek the Kingdom First. Matt. 6:25-33.
W., Dec. 31. Selfish Ambition Dangerous. Luke 12:16-21.
T., Jan. 1. Frontiers of Love and Mercy. Luke 6:30-38.
F., Jan. 2. Frontiers of Prayer. Matt. 7:7-11.
S., Jan. 3. Frontiers of Service. Acts 16:9,10.
Sun., Jan. 4 Topic — Explore New Frontiers. Jer. 1:6-9,17; Matt. 28:16-20.

Live With a Purpose

We need to prepare, revise, and direct our living so that we rid life of its trivial concerns, and give first attention and priority to matters of vital importance. This can be done only by those who will take hold of life in a positive fashion.

There is no necessity to lie down and let life run over us. We can take the initiative, get into the driver's seat, and direct life.

This, of course, means that we must live with a purpose. Life needs to be edited so that it fits in with God's purpose. That which is in accord with God's purpose shall be included for publication. That which is contrary to his will shall be left out of our activities.

Such a life involves discipline. Not only must we start out to do that which is in accord with God's will, we must continue to follow it. Just as an athlete must always keep his training rules if he is to remain a first-class athlete, so must the Christian youth stick with the task of being a Christian.

EXPLORE YOUR MIND

1. If you desire to follow a way of life, what do you want to know about it before you actually put it into practice?
2. What are some of the undesirable traits of character which should be omitted from a Christian life?
3. What are some virtues which should be included in the Christian's living?
4. What is the basis for a decision to omit or include some activity in one's life?
5. Discuss the difference between these two philosophies of life: "Enjoy yourself" and "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever."
6. What are the new frontiers for spiritual living today?

Take Stock

The beginning of 1953 is a fine time to evaluate your life. Here are four principles which may help you not only to get a good start, but to stay with the task. (1) Begin with your personal decision to give first place to things of Jesus Christ. (2) Make no exceptions whatever to your decision. (3) Accept every challenge to help support your decision. (4) Seek out opportunities daily to grow more like Christ.

This first meeting of the new year we ought to look at our society. Face these questions:

How Does Our Christian Endeavor Rate?

I. As a church organization

1. Are we an asset to our church, or do we "just sit," taking in all we can and giving out nothing?

2. How well do we co-operate with our minister and the various organizations within the church?

3. Is ours a live-wire group, with good programs and plenty of activity? Would visitors want to come, and return to become members?

II. As a community organization

1. Have we *done* anything as a group about the young people who have moved into our community for business purposes or to attend school, and who may feel strange and lonely?

2. How well do we co-operate with interdenominational groups?

3. What have we tried to do about a poor housing situation, a delinquency problem, or any other perplexing local question?

4. Have we been Christian in our attitude toward other races?

5. Why couldn't we join with other groups in taking a firm stand on the political situation, and make a definite effort to see that Christian people are elected?

III. As a world organization

1. Are we more, or less, world-minded than we were a year ago?

2. How much difference does it make to us what happens in China, Australia, Russia, South America, Japan, or Germany?

3. Which matters most to us, the welfare of natives of the Belgian Congo, or the Negroes in our land? The people of our mountain regions or those of the mountainous sections of Mexico or China? Why?

4. Are we really interested in the world's becoming a "brotherhood," or do we prefer to look out for ourselves and not bother about the other nations?

5. Have we assumed our part of the responsibility of our church for taking the gospel into other lands? Are we meeting this responsibility?

I Promise - To Pray and Read The Bible

Second Topic in a Series on "I Promise"
I Chronicles 4:10; 16:11; Matthew 7:7; Luke 18:9-14

Pattern for the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

Aim of the Topic

1. To learn more about the Christian Endeavor pledge.
2. To see the benefits in personal devotions.

A New Deal for the Pledge

It is not often that we have opportunity to properly emphasize the Christian Endeavor Pledge, which is in reality the very Magna Charta of our movement. The three weeks of this series of topics, on the subject "I Promise," provide good opportunity for a re-study of its meaning and its importance. At least once a year such an analysis should be made. It is not enough to merely read it together monthly at Consecration Meetings, though that helps. The Christian Endeavor society that is not using the Pledge as the basis for membership, and as a standard of character and action, is not in the real sense, a Christian Endeavor society at all. It is not merely like "apple pie without the cheese"; it's like apple pie without the apple. If your society or group is not using the pledge, and displaying it in your meeting room, look into it, discover why.

The annual observance of the founding of Christian Endeavor on February 2, 1881 comes in a few days. It will be celebrated throughout Christian Endeavor Week, January 25 to February 1. Let each society participate heartily. We are fortunate to have such good foundations on which to build as these three significant topics which explain portions of the pledge. (Read the topics for last week and next week to get a total picture.) Then set out to acquaint your group with what perhaps has been overlooked. In the topic today we emphasize the portion which gives us the privilege of committing ourselves to daily prayer and Bible reading. This is a basic Christian concept, a basic Protestant practice, and a basic rule of life for Endeavorers. Read the pledge prayerfully together, and note how this part of it vitally relates itself to all the rest.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; THAT I WILL MAKE IT THE RULE OF MY LIFE TO PRAY AND READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY, and to support my own church in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and midweek services, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Saviour; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life; I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.

"As an active member, I promise to be true to all my duties; to be present at and take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the society, I will if possible send at least a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my name at the roll-call."

A SEED THOUGHT

"It is easier to talk with God than to tune in the radio — and so much more helpful."

The Meaning of the Promise

The meaning represents one of the deepest values in our religious experience. The Christian life begins with open confession of Christ as Saviour and Lord. This requires certain sustaining practices. Prayer and Bible reading is as natural to the Christian life as eating and drinking is to the physical. Without proper nourishment the body suffers and health fails; indeed death itself is the ultimate result. No young man or woman, however ambitious and capable, could "make the team" without proper food, rest, and exercise. No youth can ever make the most and highest use of his life if the means of spiritual growth are neglected. As the food and drink, rest and exercise, are necessary for physical life and growth, so spiritual food and discipline are essential for the spiritual. This promise is one that would set one's spiritual sails in the right direction. To promise to be faithful in prayer and Bible reading is indeed to begin to provide "food" for the spirit.

It is not enough to merely intend to do it sometime, or when convenient; it is necessary that we definitely promise God to so be faithful. In this way it takes a privilege and makes it a duty, also. Young people, as well as adults, find this helpful in doing the things they know to be right. This part of the pledge means that we promise our Heavenly Father we will set apart at least a few minutes each day for prayer and the Bible, and that we will keep our sacred promise.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. How has the pledge helped you, o how could it?
2. How often should we pray? Why?
3. What benefits do we get from readin the Bible?
4. Why is daily prayer and Bible readin necessary?

How Can I Be Faithful

When one makes a promise it is alwa good to consider how it can be kept. Th is true in our devotional life as well. Le look at the pledge again. It says "I w make it *the rule of my life*" to pray a read. This is not an unconditional promi that can never be broken, like a busine contract. It means that we make it o daily practice, a regular part of our dai pattern — our rule. God understands o frailty. Circumstances which we can off to Him provide occasional excuse for fa ure, when we say "unless prevented by — Finally, the greatest assurance we have success is found in the first sentence, t opening words. Christ is our help and o strength!

The Christian Endeavor pledge is in larger sense a covenant. It is not a negati promise to abstain from something, but positive agreement with Christ our Lor in Whom we trust for strength. A pled may concern only one party, but a covena must have two parties, in agreement. Th "covenant relationship" is given much en phasis in our great Movement. We can b faithful to our promises here, because whe we do something about it, God does som thing too. We endeavor, and He help May there be many covenants made wi our Lord.

The Promise Benefits Me Also

As in every worthwhile covenant or agre ment, both parties are benefited. God honored by our devotion and worship whi we gain new strength and inspiration dail One of the greatest experiences man ma know is that of close intimacy with t Lord God. When man prays, he talks t God; when he reads the Bible, God talks t

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Daily Readings

M., Jan. 5. Time Out to Pray. Mark 1:32-3
T., Jan. 6. Prayer Leads to Conversion. Acts 16:12-1
W., Jan. 7. Praying for Enemies. Matt. 5:43-4
T., Jan. 8. Light for Our Way. Psalm 119:9-1
F., Jan. 9. Comfort and Hope in the Scripture. Rom. 15:1-
S., Jan. 10. A Message of Salvation. Rom. 10:8-1
Sun., Jan. 11. Topic — I Promise — To Pray and Rea the Bible. I Chr. 4:10; 16:11; Matt. 7:7; Lu 18:9-14.

Intermediate

January 11, 1953

My Church's Yardstick of Right

Second Topic in a Series on "Standing for the Right"

Romans 13:8-10; II Peter 1:2-11

ur Aims

1. To see what my church's standards are.
2. To consider well-known measuring sticks of ght and wrong.
3. To resolve to live up to my church's stand- d of right.

ne Leader Considers

The purpose of this discussion is not to nswer the question, "What is right?" or s dancing right?" Jesus gave us no specific mmands in regard to dancing, or card- aying, against service in the armed forces, r even against drinking. He issued no talog of specific prohibitions, in which we n turn to page thirty-seven and find out hether or not the thing we want to do is ght or wrong.

But God in his infinite wisdom has en- owed us with the power of choice, and ith this freedom we are able to choose. ot only that, but we have been endowed ith the capacity to distinguish between od and evil. More than that, Jesus has ven us certain guiding principles which nable us to choose carefully and wisely.

Two basic assumptions which ought to be ade before we begin our discussion are ese: 1. We assume that we want to do ght. 2. We assume that all of us know that e mere sanction of society does not mean at a thing is right. On this premise most hurches have built their creeds. Look up our own.

We dare never to think of religion as a ere matter of talking pious words, going to hurch, and keeping a few "don't" rules. eligion is a test of every boy and girl, and very man and woman, whether they know ey are being tested or not. It measures our apacity and our readiness to enjoy the best nd highest things of life. God has given us ossibilities but it is our responsibility to de- elop them and use them.

In starting this new year's work, it is a ood thing to check up on our resources. Vhat do we have to work with and what ay we as a group of Christian young eople hope to do with ourselves and our ociety? It is a double problem — our in- ividual selves and our group as we can ork together. Our society needs us and e need the help we can get from each ther in the society. Let us take stock then. What do we have?

ome Cases to Discuss

Hal does his best in every game or event although he isn't good enough to make the eam), while Frank says that, since he isn't ery good in sports, there's no use trying. With whom do you agree?

Frances says that nobody likes her very ell, so she doesn't pay much attention to nybody else — sits in a corner with a book. But Margaret, who really isn't as good looking or clever as Frances, has the best time in a group, because she's always ready with an interesting comment or ready to listen to the comments of someone else.

John is a junior in college. He plans to study for the ministry. His father has a fine business which he desires John to follow. The pressure to obey his father's wishes and become a junior partner in a well-established concern makes it difficult for John to decide upon his vocation.

Mary Lee was much impressed by a movie on relief. She decided to give all of her excess clothing to those in need, but she later thought that she might want all the good clothes, so only a few wornout ones were sent to the service center.

FOR DISCUSSION TIME

1. What are some of the privileges which strong, healthy, well-disciplined bodies can give us?
2. In what ways may we come to appreciate the possibilities of developing our mental keenness and bodily powers?
3. What about parents who believe that it's not necessary to attend church and that it's their own business when their children show a decided preference for staying home on Sunday?
4. An older boy runs across the street. His younger brother, who is not old enough to cross the street unaided, attempts to follow and is struck by an automobile. Should the older brother have set safeguards around his action?
5. A basketball player cheated in his school work to maintain his grades so that he could play. Would he want the school paper to carry a story on it?
6. A girl tells her parents she is going to church on Sunday evening but she really goes for a joy ride. Would she want her parents to know?

Some Tests

How will my choice affect other people? We often say that what we do is our own business, but is it? Paul says in Romans 14:7, "None of us lives to himself and none of us dies to himself." He is saying that what we do affects other people, that we don't live in a vacuum. We live in an interdependent world, where there is an interplay of action, so that what we do inevitably has an effect upon others.

There is an interesting story in I Corinthians 8:8-11. Some members of the church are asking Paul whether they can go to the pagan temples and get a free meal by eating the meat which has been sacrificed to the idols. Paul tells them that it may be all right for them, but not for the person who is not far removed from his pagan practices. If he sees his Christian friend eating such meat, the temptations to go back to idolatry may be too great. In such a case it would be wrong to eat such meat, if by so doing another would be led astray.

Observe how our choices affect others.

Would I be ashamed to have all my friends and acquaintances know my actions?

Actions which do not look so bad because no one knows about them would look different if we knew they were to be publicized.

Phillips Brooks once wrote: "To keep clear of concealment, to keep clear of the need of concealment, to do nothing which he might not do in the middle of Boston Common at noonday — I cannot say how more and more that seems to me the glory of a young man's life. It is an awful thing when the first necessity of hiding a thing comes. The whole life is different thereafter. When there are questions to be feared, eyes to be avoided, and subjects which must not be touched, then the bloom of life is gone."

We must ask ourselves whether or not the thing which we want to do is right enough that we would not mind its publication in the newspaper. Would I be ashamed if my parents knew of my decision?

Is the thing I want to do consistent with great Christian principles?

It's true that Jesus didn't give us specific rules for our lives, but as we read the Bible, we begin to see that there is outlined a basic, overall pattern of living. As we read the New Testament especially, we begin to see the underlying structure of Jesus' life and his main motivations. So we do not always need to ask ourselves, "Is this right or wrong?" but, "Is it consistent with the spirit of the Master?"

A guiding principle is: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." Matthew 6:33.

A Christian Must Take a Stand—Why?

Nobody likes a wishy-washy person. Least of all should a Christian be an uncertain quantity. He should know what he believes and then not be afraid to stand up for his convictions. But he should establish these convictions with care. He is God's handiwork, so he cannot afford to take any action that would mar God's plan and pattern. However, once these convictions are established with God at the center, there is nothing left for the Christian to fear. In military operations, troops want to be on firm ground, deeply entrenched, from which they cannot be shaken. Consider in this topic the firm ground on which the Christian can stand.

Daily Readings

M., Jan. 5. Christian Requirements. Micah 6:8.
T., Jan. 6. The New Creature. Eph. 4:21-24.
W., Jan. 7. Righteous Living. Eph. 4:25-32.
T., Jan. 8. Sincerity. Matt. 6:1-8.
F., Jan. 9. Unity of Spirit. I Cor. 1:4-10.
S., Jan. 10. Two Great Commandments. Matt. 22:35-40.
Sun., Jan. 11. Topic — My Church's Yardstick of Right. Rom. 13:8-10; II Peter 1:2-11.

I Promise - To Support My Church

Third Topic in a Series on "I Promise"
Matthew 16:13-20; John 15:4-10

Pattern for the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Pattern for the Meeting

With the last two weeks' topics as background, the society or fellowship should have a much better understanding of the Christian Endeavor pledge. This universally-known covenant provides the theme for these three topics. Today the emphasis is on the Church and on our measure of support of it. Let the meaning and the vital importance of the pledge as a basis for society membership be deeply impressed upon the group. Stress the requirement that only members who have signed the pledge are eligible to hold office. Especially emphasize how this signed dedication helps us to be faithful to the Christian Church. Each one who joins the church promises to support it and be loyal to it. The experience and fellowship of Christian Endeavor helps this immeasurably. To the Pledge we must be grateful.

Perhaps your discussion has led already the the decision to re-emphasize, or even to establish for the first time, the Pledge in the life of your society. Have copies of it available to pass out to the entire group. Let them think about it, pray about it, and then perhaps sign it publicly this week or next. Make it a special occasion. Next Sunday begins Christian Endeavor Week. It would be timely to present the pledge tonight and make careful plans for the signing next Sunday with special ceremony.

Tonight strive to bring out the meaning of support in relation to the church. Point out what it means, why it is required, the benefits, etc. Read the pledge together carefully, pointing out the part relating to the Church.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to "support our church"?
2. Name the benefits to the member and to the church of loyal support.
3. What is the Christian Endeavor Pledge?
4. How can it help a young Christian?
5. How much money should one give his church?
6. How much time should one devote to his church?
7. What can young people do to make the church greater?

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do; that I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible every day, and TO SUPPORT MY OWN CHURCH IN EVERY WAY, ESPECIALLY BY ATTENDING ALL HER REGULAR SUNDAY AND MIDWEEK SERVICES, unless prevented by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Saviour; and that just so far as I know how, throughout my whole life, I will endeavor to lead a Christian life.

"As an active member, I promise to be true to all my duties, to be present at and to take some part, aside from singing, in every Christian Endeavor prayer meeting, unless hindered by some reason which I can conscientiously give to my Lord and Master. If obliged to be absent from the monthly consecration meeting of the Society, I will if possible send at least a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my name at the roll call."

Aim of the Topic

1. To learn more about the Christian Endeavor Pledge.
2. To explore the meaning of our part in the Church.

The Meaning of the Promise

"To support the work and worship of my Church," or "to support my own church in every way, especially —," becomes a profound obligation. Our church is one of the most important elements in our lives. It deserves our best. To support it does not mean only to give our money to it, though this is surely one part. "The tenth is holy unto the Lord." It also means regular attendance at worship and it requires our service according to our own talents and opportunity. It calls for our prayers and our kindly thoughts. It implies our favorable conversation about it always. To fully support our church means that our private devotional practices and our personal habits will also work together to make us better members. Support of the Christian Church is a far-reaching and demanding thing. Christian Endeavor recognizes its importance by making the second cardinal principle of the movement "Loyalty To Christ's Church." Let us not overlook the promise we make in the pledge to support both the Sunday and mid-week activities. By a faithful observance of this portion, the individual is strengthened, and the church is given new power.

How Can I Be Faithful?

A sincere young person always thinks seriously of this question before making a promise. How *can* we be faithful in our promise? Let it be remembered that the Christian Endeavor pledge is by defini "a standard of character and action tha promise to try to reach." We need a st ard to guide us in our spiritual growth. one gives a measuring stick for both inner character and our outward activi We promise to honestly try to attain trusting in Christ for strength. This m it possible. Apart from Him we can nothing. With Him all things are poss He will help us be faithful if we will Him the opportunity.

A SEED THOUGHT

"If every one in my church we just like me,
What kind of church would m church be?"

The Promise Benefits Me Also

Like all other worthwhile agreements enter we too receive a benefit. This Pl is a covenant which makes it doubly sig cant. A promise can involve simply person; a covenant requires two. With e act of faithfulness and loyalty to our chu the Lord gives us a special measure of b ing. God is no man's debtor. He rew faithfulness and love.

We as Endeavorers have had the the "Build With Christ." Part of this prog emphasized, "Build With Christ Thro Church Loyalty." The Church is the B of Christ. He is the Head. It takes the response, the co-ordinated action, of Body to do the will of the Head. And what we do to benefit the Church, of wh we are a part, we surely help oursel The genius of the Pledge is to reveal t things to us and to help us do our par

What's a Promise Worth to You?

If we have promised, or should prom in the pledge to support our own Chu in every way, what will we do about May it be ever remembered that a dedic Christian is loyal to all commitments. is reliable and steadfast in purpose and s

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Daily Readings

M., Jan. 12. The Master Attends Worship. Luke 4:1
T., Jan. 13. Organizing the Work. Acts 14:2
W., Jan. 14. Providing Financial Support. 1 Cor. 16
T., Jan. 15 Caring for the Flock. Acts 20:2
F., Jan. 16. Setting a Good Example. 1 Tim. 3:
S., Jan. 17. Using Various Gifts. Rom. 12:
Sun., Jan. 18. Topic — I Promise — To Support Church. Matt. 16:13-20; John 15:4-10.

"On My Honor"

Third Topic in a Series on "Standing for the Right"
Philippians 3:17; 4:1-8

ir Aims

. To take a look at our standards for living.
. To develop a code of standards for self for our group.
. To discover what it means to be "on our or."

Kinds of Standards

All kinds of standards have been deoped and a set of standards is often ed a code. Thus we have the twelve items the Boy Scout Code which are supposed suggest to every Scout the kind of conct expected of him. He is to be better n the average boy because he knows the ter ways and feels the values in these ter ways. If he doesn't feel they are deble ways, and has no desire to be worthy his privileges and knowledge, he won't up to the Scout standards.

Leader, you might ask someone to bring the meeting a list of those twelve standis and the suggestions for putting them o practice. Perhaps you are acquainted h other codes, and could bring some nples to the meeting.)

Codes, however, need revision every so en to bring them up to the growing caities of those who use them. They need o to be stated in terms of the everyday perience of those who are going to use m. In the Bible one of the oldest codes the Ten Commandments. It is made up stly of "Thou shalt not" and Jesus said ny people missed the spirit of the comndments. Here are some of his comnts on these:

(Read Matthew 5:21-48; 22:36-40; and n 13:34,35.)

The Beatitudes represent a quite different rit. See what you think of the standards gested there.

(Read Matthew 5:1-10.)

the Leader

Your main purpose in this meeting will be work out a code for your Christian Envor. It may be that different members l want to develop codes for their individ- use as well as one for the society. The terial given here is planned to do two gs, as you will readily see, to start thinkon individual standards of behavior and o provoke discussion on group stands. It may take some time to put your als in working shape. But take time — the time you need. Thinking these ough together, in small groups, and indiually will be some of the most valuable periences you will have in the use of the of standards.

You might begin to work out the code by ing that as a Christian Endeavorer we interested in ways of working for healthy lies, healthy minds, good homes and nds, education for power, religious ideals, d Christian Endeavor plans, and solving problems in Christian ways.

The standards that are set up may be the reflection of the ideals you have been more or less striving for individually and collectively. Be sure you survey the various possibilities before stating your goals. Do not try to be too comprehensive or to sound ideal. Get some things you feel ought to be done and say you are going to try to do them.

A pole vaulter does not clear fourteen feet by keeping the bar at eight feet or ten feet. He pushes it up steadily as he is able to make the higher lift. Your standards ought to be higher than they would have been last year and next year they ought to be still better. Get the main ideas first and then take time to put them in good working form. When they are ready, give each member a copy and post up an attractive list for general use and continual reference.

Daily Readings

M., Jan. 12. Judging the Heart. I Sam. 16:7.
T., Jan. 13 Committed to God. Prov. 16:1-3.
W., Jan. 14. No Wavering. James 1:5-8.
T., Jan. 15. A Cloud of Witnesses. Hebrews 12:1,2.
F., Jan. 16. Courage in Christ. Phil. 1:27-30.
S., Jan 17. Always Steadfast. I Cor. 15:58.
Sun., Jan. 18. Topic — "On My Honor." Philippians 3:17; 4:1-8.

Being Faithful to Our Trust

One of our presidents when asked, "What is your coat of arms?" replied, "A pair of shirt sleeves."

Fowell Buxton said: "The longer I live, the more deeply am I convinced that that which makes the difference between one man and another, between the weak and the powerful, the great and insignificant, is energy, invincible determination, a purpose once formed, and then death or victory."

This is the one thing needful today. We do not need more fuss and feathers, noise and chatter, but the quiet working force of fidelity to a sacred trust. One of the impressive things about the greatest engines is the silence with which they do their work. The stars rushing through space with a force we cannot even imagine do so in silence. The same thing may be observed in regard to the work which is done in the world. The most powerful is always very quiet. Noise is not the same as work, frenzy is not power, worry does not imply faithfulness. Fidelity is carried forward with very little noise.

DISCUSS THESE

1. How can we train ourselves in faithfulness?
2. How may we be faithful toward Christian Endeavor?
3. What does God think of unfaithfulness?
4. Are young people you know living up to their ideals today? Why or why not?
5. Are Christian young people on their honor even in the home? How does this express itself?
6. If we cheat in school, are we being true to our Christian standards?
7. When your "gang" suggests something that you know is not quite Christian, what can you do?

You Are on Your Honor

1. *In your work.* An old lighthouse keeper was passing away. For years it had been his duty to keep the lamps in the high tower burning. Now the fire in his own life was burning low, as he slipped out upon the sea of another world. Suddenly he raised himself upon one elbow and asked: "Is the lamp burning in the tower? You know we must not let it go out tonight. Someone will be watching for it." "Yes, the lamp is all right." "Then I can rest." And the old man passed away.

How is it with the work committed to our care? Are we doing our work well? Are we working for mere wages or salary? Or are we in love with our work? If we are doing the will of God, we are co-laborers with Him, and He requires faithfulness even in the very little things.

2. *With yourself.* You owe a debt to yourself. Be true to your conscience, to your ideals, to your better selves — fidelity to our bodies, minds and souls. "To thine own self be true: And it must follow, as the night the day; Thou canst not then be false to any man."

3. *To your friends.* We love friends who are faithful, honest and true. If we would have such friends we must be that kind of a friend to others. It is robbery to betray the confidence that another puts in us. Fidelity is the corner-stone in the monument of lasting friendship.

4. *To your church.* As Christians, we should not only be faithful to the church in general, but there should be a particular church where we worship, and to which we should be faithful in service and attendance.

5. *To your God.* God has been faithful to us at all times. No good thing has He withheld from us. In return we should be faithful to Him; faithful to His word; faithful to His Day; faithful to His means of grace, and faithful to His Son Jesus Christ.

On Their Honor

Ask Christian Endeavor members to tell what happened when these Bible characters were on their honor: Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Jonathan, Gideon, Isaiah, Elijah John, Paul, Jesus.

Invite the Scouts

Is there a troop of Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts in your community? Invite them to be present at this meeting in a body and wearing their uniforms. They should have prominent parts in the program. Possibly some of the group may want to become members of your society as the outcome of this meeting.

Strive To Know

First Topic in a Series on "Christian Endeavor Week-Youth Week"

Phillippians 3:8-12
(Denominational Sunday)

Pattern for the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

The topic today begins a very important series especially designed for Christian Endeavor Week. It is spread into the two months, since the second and last topic of the series will be on February 1. This is a great theme "Strive to Know — Dare to Believe." We consider the first portion today. The whole theme is a powerful, dynamic one. It is one that can grip the hearts of young people and challenge them to do the impossible for Christ. Let the leader be aware of his opportunity. Let him remember that today marks the beginning of Christian Endeavor Week, observed around the world. The society will be looking for something unusual and good tonight. This particular series can become a good Bible searching experience also, for the group can search out some of the great truths that will support the teaching of this topic. Always try to add more to a meeting and to its topic than is found in these pages or elsewhere. Strive to put something of yourself into it and strive to get the active participation of the group. They too can add much. Write in advance to the International Society of Christian Endeavor for special materials for this week. A packet of fine program suggestions and literature has been prepared for your use. In addition to this meeting be sure that your society has planned some other special events for this week. A banquet, a social, a conference or some other activity will add much. Participate, too, in the program of your local Christian Endeavor Union. If there is none nearby, then join with one or more other churches in a worthwhile Youth Week observance. Perhaps your pastor will give over the service next Sunday to the young people, or at least have them share in it. Relate the history of Christian Endeavor and emphasize its opportunity for today.

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T., Jan. 22. Know His Presence. I John 3:23,24.
F., Jan. 23. Know True God. John 17:1-8.
S., Jan. 24. Know by Experience. John 4:39-42.
Sun., Jan 25. Topic — Strive to Know. Phil. 3:8-12. Denominational Day. (Beginning Christian Endeavor Week).

Aim of the Topic

1. To provide appropriate observance of Christian Endeavor Week.
2. To better know Christ and His Way.

First Know Him

Christian Youth have a wide field of knowledge before them. The needs of our age require as full a command of it as possible. A clear call is being made to youth today to "strive to know." We must first of all know Christ, in the spirit of St. Paul's aspiration, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings being made conformable . . ." (Philippians 3:10). Many people know *about* Christ, but they do not *know* Him. Paul further gives us testimony that we may well share, in saying, "I *know* whom I have believed . . ." (I Timothy 1:12). Many people and even many religions recognize the historicity of Jesus but they are not in intimate fellowship with Him. To accept Him as Saviour, to acknowledge Him as Lord of all life, to walk with Him daily as Guide and Friend, this is to better know Him. It calls for a beginning now in the days of youth, and a continuing comradeship through all of life. Strive to know — your Lord! What is the difference between knowing about Christ and knowing Him?

There are so Many Things to Learn

It is of highest importance that young people of the church be fully informed regarding their religion. They should know the details of their faith in God, as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. It is essential that all be instructed in the fundamentals of a sound Biblical faith. Nothing but the best will be adequate for the needs of an age of materialism, of skepticism, of violence, and of confusion. A working knowledge of the Christian religion, together with its fruits and power, will be of inestimable value both to the individual Christian and also to those whom he influences. How can each person be an evangelist, a missionary, or a teacher?

How to Know

Renewed emphasis on Bible study is in order in connection with this topic. An informed Christian is a stronger Christian. The Holy Scriptures represent God's spoken Word for the blessing of His children. One of the first things necessary for a new Christian in the mission field or in the home field is to have a Bible put in his hands. By this means he can grow in knowledge and in grace. For the same reason we too should read freely of the Word. By our prayer too, we can become more filled with Spirit and acquainted with His power. form of communion with God should b regular practice. The very simple experie of quiet meditation adds to our spiri power and increases our store of knowle Then God speaks to us and makes His known.

The topic today may well inspire a per of study. Either this evening could be voted to it, or a more extended period m be planned for the immediate future. is a splendid opportunity to assemble i study class, and examine anew the faith theology of one's own church. Basic fundamental Christian doctrines should explained and explored. A full understa ing and appreciation of these things is ne sary if Christian youth are to victorio face a pagan world which knows not God. We know Him to a limited degree love Him exceedingly. If we know Him His Church better our spiritual joy know no bounds. Each group should c sult the Pastor and seek his assistance. should doubtless be the teacher or cons ant. Make a list of the doctrines not cle understood, or the questions puzzling y members. Then strive to become inform "Strive to know" — your faith!

A SEED THOUGHT

"Is consecrated ignorance better worse than informed indifference?"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Make the 72nd Anniversary of the fou ing of Christian Endeavor a time of help and blessing for your society. Be to secure the packet of ideas from the ternational Society of Christian Endea 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, O

Talk It Over

1. What is the value of knowledge?
2. How does knowing about our fa help us to be better Christians?
3. Name several of the great Christi doctrines.
4. What should we know more about?
5. How can a study best be made e when?
6. What benefit can Christian Endeav Week observance bring to our church?
7. How can we best observe this Week?

Strive to Know

First Topic in a Series on "Christian Endeavor Week — Youth Week"

Philippians 3:8-12
(Denominational Sunday)

ur Aims

1. To get facts for living.
2. To see how Christian personality grows.
3. To properly observe Youth Week.

o the Leader

Christian Endeavor Week — Youth Week the choice season of the year to stress outh's place in the church. Plan for a full eek of activities, letting young people do e actual planning and leadership. Com- ete at least one worthwhile project.

You may secure a packet with ideas for is meeting and Christian Endeavor Week om International Headquarters.

etting

Have the picture of Christ at twelve in e Temple before the group. Have them ink for a minute of Him. He was then st about our age. I wonder how much ke Him we are?

rocedure for Meeting

Are we striving to learn — you and I? It ys in Luke 2:52, about Jesus' youth, that esus increased in wisdom . . ." First let's e what wisdom is. Look it up in the dic- onary and find out. It says wisdom is knowledge with the capacity to make good se of it." Now ask a few questions that ill lead to discussion:

1. Where do you get knowledge — plain cts?

That's right — in school, in Scouts, in 4H ub, in Sunday school, at home. Where did ou learn to tie a square knot? Where did ou learn equations?

2. Now, where did you learn how to use e knowledge you have? From your par- nts? From your teachers? From watching her people? From thinking about it ourself?

Think about how Jesus grew in wisdom. Use the material which came out of the udy of the Bible in Sunday school these eeks to answer these questions:

1. What did Jesus learn at home?
2. What did Jesus learn in the carpenter op?
3. What did Jesus learn at school?
4. What did Jesus learn playing with his iends?
5. What did Jesus learn alone on the hills Nazareth?

Now, how do you stack up with Jesus in owing in wisdom? If we are to grow like im, we'll have to follow his example.

How can we grow in the same way as did sus today? We can learn from our fami- s at home. Think what wisdom we can nd there. Today we do not always work our fathers' shops, but we have some kind job or part-time work. Maybe you deliver apers. If so, do you follow the pattern

TO PONDER

Do your everyday actions and conversations with the people about you ever bother you? They may bother others. Have you ever stopped to "take stock" of your influence on those of your own age-group and perhaps those outside it? Think about it.

Do you engage in "borderline" activities that seem to be generally accepted by the crowd? What does this laxness mean to weaker ones who are looking to you for guidance? Think about it.

Do you call yourself a Christian, and are you willing to take the responsibility which it involves? You must, if you wish to be a citizen of the Kingdom.

Are you growing in your knowledge of Jesus Christ each day? How?

How can you strive to know God's will for your life?

Jesus set in learning from working? Jesus learned at school, too. He had the same desires to go out and play instead of working but He grew in wisdom as He learned from those who knew more than He knew. He became wise by playing with His friends. He became wise by being alone and getting well acquainted with nature and with His Father in Heaven.

Try to see what Jesus would do if He were your age today. Would He find wisdom as you do? Think how you do. How will we profit from Jesus' example?

We are Christians as soon as we recognize in Jesus' life the quality of God's spirit and earnestly desire His spirit to govern our lives. From then on, our task is to grow in Christian personality, to clear away prejudices, thoughts, and actions which are objectionable to a person with Jesus' spirit, and gradually to replace them with faith, thoughts, and deeds appropriate for one who claims Jesus as his Lord. It is God through Jesus who shows us who and what we really are.

Are You Growing?

Some years ago the whole nation was startled with the news of the first nonstop flight to Paris, which Charles Lindbergh accomplished. Lindbergh did not become great overnight. When we learn something of his habits we know that he trained himself in those qualities that would prepare him for greater things. Lindbergh made use of a chart for personal training in the qualities which he considered important. Lindbergh's chart included the following character traits:

Altruism	No Argument
Ambition	No Sarcasm
Brevity in Speech	No Faultfinding
Concentration	Optimism
Clean Body	Perseverance
Clean Speech	Physical Exercise
Clean Thought	Punctuality
Clean Conduct	Patience
Cheerfulness	Politeness
Courage	Reverence to God
Determination	Reverence to Parents
Economy	Reverence to Home, Family and Country

After hearing this experience of Lindbergh, one girl said, "Wouldn't it be fun to keep a chart for a month?"

Why not work out a chart with your group, letting each one add some qualities that he particularly needs to check himself on? It *would* be fun to check it for at least a month and see if we are growing.

Fellowship

The program of this week would not be complete without a special fellowship event. If the weather permits, this should be held out-of-doors. The purpose of this fellowship will be to promote a spirit of Christian friendship within the group and to give a time and place when those not on the Christian Endeavor membership list may be asked to share your fun and friendship.

Be sure this is made a real fellowship event. To do that will be to cement the bonds of friendship among the members of the group as well as to become acquainted with a number of young people who are not regularly included in your Christian Edeavor group.

You are working this week to bring many new youth into the Sunday school, the Christian Endeavor, and — in fact — every service of the church. As a result of your effort there will be new young people in every service. When new youth come into the doors of your church, have a welcome committee on the job to (1) hand them a card telling about the Christian Endeavor and inviting them to its services; (2) find out the name and address of the persons, and (3) give them a personal invitation to come to the church as often in the future as they can.

The name and address of each visiting young person will be placed on a card and these cards will furnish the list to which special invitations from the Sunday school, the Christian Endeavor and the church will be sent.

Christian Endeavor Week — Youth Week is, in today's language, "all out" week for the church. If we go into the plan for this week in that spirit, we will be able to come to the close of this special period and feel the thrill that always comes to those who know that because of their effort something worthwhile has been accomplished.

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SENIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE — Jan. 4

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being loyal to his own Church? List in detail the benefits to be gained from a regular and faithful practice of daily prayer and reading of the Holy Scriptures. Is stewardship a one-way benefit? Of course we know it is not and it is imperative for us to realize that the way to the very best in life is the way of obedience to Divine requirement. In the matter of Christian love, who benefits the most by a life of forgiveness and love and good will? No one as much as the one who actually lives such a life. His inner satisfaction is indescribable, his blessing from God without limit. He builds up a great reservoir of good will and love in others, that continues throughout his whole life to flow gently back at times when he needs it most, and perhaps expects it least.

What's A Promise Worth To You?

Every one of us has made some meaningful promise to his God and Christ. Many of us have made specific commitments through this very covenant that we study tonight. If this meeting is successful, many more will make such commitments by signing this grand old pledge. Everyone should have this opportunity, and soon. What does it mean to you? What's a promise worth? Will you strive to keep it faithfully? If so, how can you go about it? What help is available? What strength is offered?

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him. How wonderful an experience this is! Because of this we joyously sing the hymn, "I Walk and I Talk With The King." Today is the day to begin to observe our "Quiet Hour." It would be appropriate at this meeting to present a pledge card for the "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" to each one. Every Endeavorer can thus sign and become a part of this world-wide fellowship which promises to spend at least fifteen minutes a day in prayer, Bible reading and quiet meditation. The years ahead will prove the great value of this dedication.

What's a Promise Worth to You?

Some have already entered into the covenant with their Lord to pray and read His Word. Others will do so tonight. What will it mean to you? Will it be just another casual agreement and be quickly put aside and forgotten? Or will it be the beginning of great days with God, the real start of our inner spiritual growth? Only YOU can answer that. YOU and GOD can make it a lasting blessing.

Tom: "Mother, is it true that an apple a day keeps the doctor away?"

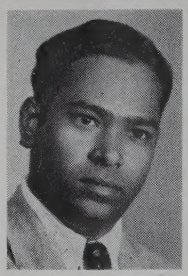
Mother: "I believe so."

Tom: "Well, I kept 10 doctors away this morning, but I feel as if I'd like one to come this afternoon."

NEW INDIA LEADER

Rev. Solomon Doraiswamy Appointed Traveling Secretary of C.E. Union

Rev. Solomon Doraiswamy has been made the new fulltime traveling secretary of the All India Christian Endeavor Union, according to announcement made by Rev. E. Tychicus, president.



Rev. S. Doraiswamy

Mr. Doraiswamy has been active for many years in Christian Endeavor. In his final year when he attended the St. Andrew's Orphanage in Arkonam he started a Junior Christian Endeavor society. He served as president of his district union and led a group of Endeavorers to the provincial Tamil-Malayalam Convention held in Tiruvandram in 1950. He is a member of the provincial C.E. executive committee and has served as secretary of several unions. His father was a convert from Hinduism.

The new secretary graduated from Serampore University in 1947 and was ordained as the Presbyter of the Church of South India in 1948. He is married and has a daughter.

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ice. Building the Kingdom of God is the primary business of the church. It is the biggest and best business in the world. The task calls for dedicated, faithful workers; it calls for YOU. Christian Endeavor belongs first to the local church and the denomination. Only then does it become a rightful part of the World-Wide Fellowship. We are the church. We have promised to be faithful. Christ has no other way to do His work.

Plan now to celebrate Christian Endeavor Week.

EXPENDITURE OF DOLLAR IN THE YEAR 1951

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For Personal Business	3.5 cen
For Recreation	1.8 cen
For Church and Charity	1.5 cen
Total	$1.00

PHYSICAL FITNESS AND ALCOHOL DON'T MIX

"A lot of men I have known, so as I could see, have not been hurt their use of strong drink, but I h never known a man who was helped it," Branch Rickey, famous baseball ecutive, stated.

"Certainly it has no place in the of an athlete, and that includes pro sional baseball players. Physical fit and alcohol don't mix. I know of pennants that were lost, as I view because one fellow on a club dran bit and then associated with some with whom he would not have associ if he had not been drinking. This h pened two different years in a m league."

Plan To Celebrate

Now is the time to begin preparing for observance of Christian Endeavor Week J uary 25-February 1, 1953.

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. J. C. Hoggard Guest At Ontario Convention

ev. J. Clinton Hoggard, vice-presi- of the International Society of Chris- Endeavor, was the guest speaker at 44th Ontario Christian Endeavor con- ion held in Erskine Presbyterian rch, Hamilton, Ontario, October 11-

ev. C. W. David, vice-president of India Christian Endeavor Union, gave essage on the work of Christian En- vor in his country. Matthew Dunlop chairman of the convention commit- with Mary Campbell as vice-chair- . The theme was "I Believe."

ames G. Laing of Hamilton was elect- president of the union with Wilfrid nan and Albert Day as vice-presi- ts. Mr. Laing succeeds Ray Zimmer- n.

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Allin Jackson, former president of souri C. E. Union, is recovering from roken ankle suffered in a recent auto- bile accident. He is in the Fitzsim- ns General Hospital, Denver, Colo- o. His wife, Cleonne, who has had io since the first of July has been nsferred to the same hospital. Allin erving in the U. S. Air Corps.

Kentucky Leaders . . .

Officers of the Blue Grass State Christian Endeavor Union are pictured at a retreat held at Monticello. They are (left to right): Earle Glenn, treasurer; Trecia Roberts, corresponding secretary; Rev. L. Metcalfe Miller, president; Margaret Walker, recording secretary, and Rev. Malcolm Leach, pastoral counsellor.

ALL IN FUN

Two friends were discussing their automobile troubles. "What model is your car?" asked one.

"It isn't a model," retorted the other. "It's a horrible example."

"A real man is always willing to face the music."

"Yes — even the well-known march from Lohengrin."

Mary had a little lamb. She took it home to stew. Although it cost her 90 cents, 'twas not enough for two.

PAUL GILLAM RE-ELECTED MISSOURI PRESIDENT

Paul Gillam was chosen to lead the Missouri C. E. Union for another year at the convention held in Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, November 6-9.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society, addressed an evening session on the subject, "Christians Can Be Christian."

Other speakers at the mass meetings included Rev. Ray Bach, Rev. J. Allen Blair and Rev. Edmund Miller.

Prepare for Christian Endeavor Week by securing the packet of ideas and information published by the International Society.

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Jan. 11. **Where I Worship Alone.** Matt. 26:36-44; Dan. 6:4-11.
Jan. 18. **I Talk With God.** I Kings 3:6-14.
Jan. 25. **Helps for My Worship.** Col. 3:16, 17.

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